

## Montana Distinguished Schools 2010-2011

### Closing the Achievement Gap:

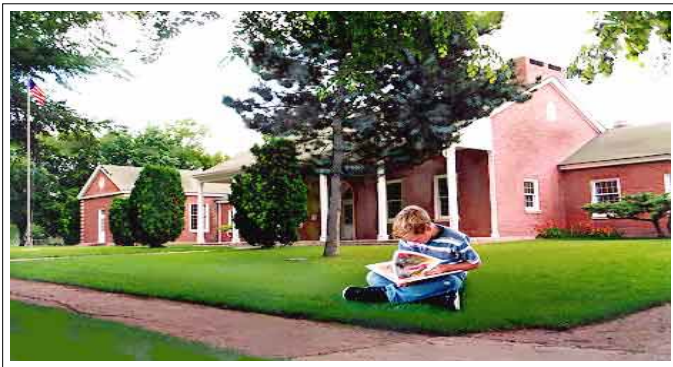
Radley Elementary School  
East Helena, MT



“Success for all”

### High Academic Achievement:

Cornelius Hedges Elementary School  
Kalispell, MT



“Learning for all... no excuses, no limits.”

## Purpose of Title I

More than 50,000 public schools across the country use Title I funds to provide additional academic support and learning opportunities to help low-achieving children master challenging curricula and meet state standards in core academic subjects. For example, funds support extra instruction in reading and mathematics, as well as special preschool, after-school, and summer programs to extend and reinforce the regular school curriculum.

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## Montana Office of Public Instruction

**2011 Title I Conference**  
**March 9-10, 2011**  
**Red Lion Colonial Inn**  
**Helena, MT**



**“MAKING THE DIFFERENCE”**



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## FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Denise Juneau** Is Montana's State Superintendent of Schools. As our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Denise Juneau is working hard for the people of Montana to help give Montana's children the most valuable tool they can receive, a quality education. Strong schools can create educational opportunities for Montana students to be highly competitive in the global economy.



**Dr. Zollie Stevenson, Jr.** is an Associate Professor of Educational Studies and Leadership in the doctoral program at the historically Black Bowie State University in Maryland. Until his September 2010 retirement, he was the Director of Student Achievement and School Accountability Programs (SASA) at the United States Department of Education, where he administered the Title I program to promote improved student achievement among high poverty youth in the public schools, the Title III program to assist English language learners to become proficient in English, and the School Improvement Grants program.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA DAY 1

| Day 1     | Time        | Event                             | Location  | Members        | Presenter           |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------|
| Wednesday | 7:30-8:30   | Breakfast                         | Ballrooms | All            |                     |
|           | 8:30-9:00   | Opening remarks                   | Ballrooms | All            | Denise Juneau       |
|           | 9:00-10:00  | Keynote Address                   | Ballrooms | All            | Zollie Stephenson   |
|           | 10:00-10:10 | Transition                        |           | All            |                     |
|           | 10:10-10:55 | Parental Involvement              | Capitol   | All            | Terry Teichrow      |
|           | 10:55-11:05 | Transition                        |           | All            |                     |
|           | 11:05-12:00 | Schoolwide RTI                    | Capitol   | Teachers/paras | TBA                 |
|           | 11:05-12:00 | Title I Compliance Issues         | State     | Administrators | BJ Granbery         |
|           | 12:00-1:00  | Lunch                             | Ballrooms | All            |                     |
|           | 1:10-2:10   | Schoolwide Programs               | State     | Administrators | Terry Teichrow      |
|           | 1:10-2:10   | Textbook Comprehension Strategies | Capitol   | Teachers/paras | Debbie Hunsaker     |
|           | 2:10-2:20   | Transition                        |           | All            |                     |
|           | 2:20-3:30   | RTI in Elementary Reading         | Ballroom  | Teachers/paras | Tara Ferriter-Smith |
|           | 2:20-3:30   | RTI in High School Math           | Capitol   | Teachers/paras | Jean Howard         |
|           | 2:20-3:30   | Professional Learning Communities | State     | Administrators | Linda Reksten       |

## TENTATIVE AGENDA DAY 2

| Day 2    | Time        | Event                             | Location  | Members        | Presenter          |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|
| Thursday | 7:30-8:30   | Breakfast                         | Ballrooms | All            |                    |
|          | 8:30-9:30   | Linking Assessment to Instruction | Ballrooms | All            | Kathi Tiefenthaler |
|          | 9:30-9:40   | Transition                        |           | All            |                    |
|          | 9:40-10:40  | Running a Title I meeting         | Capitol   | All            | Claire Gates       |
|          | 10:40-10:50 | Transition                        |           | All            |                    |
|          | 10:50-12:00 | Schoolwide RTI                    | State     | Administrators | Brenda Koch        |
|          | 10:50-12:00 | RTI in Elementary Math            | Capitol   | Teachers/paras | Ann Verploggen     |
|          | 10:50-12:00 | RTI in High School Reading        | Ballrooms | Teachers/paras | Debbie Hunsaker    |
|          | 12:00-1:00  | Lunch                             | Ballrooms | All            |                    |
|          | 1:00-2:00   | Awards/Closing                    | Ballrooms | All            | Title I Staff      |